

6. (SUBMARINE GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION, SANTA BARBARA TO ORANGE COUNTIES, STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA - W. O. 2163.) The following report was presented to the Commission:

"At the meeting of the State Lands Commission on November 30, 1955 the following resolution was adopted by the Commission:

'THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE PERMITS, CONFORMING TO ALL OPERATING CONDITIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION, TO THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE CONDUCT OF GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION OPERATIONS ON THOSE TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION LYING SOUTH OF A LINE DRAWN DUE WEST FROM POINT ARGUELLO, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, AND NORTHERLY OF A LINE DRAWN SOUTH 60° WEST FROM DANA POINT, ORANGE COUNTY, FOR A 90-DAY PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 3, 1956. THE PERMITTEE IS TO REIMBURSE THE STATE LANDS DIVISION FOR ALL OF ITS INSPECTION COSTS. THE PERMITS ARE TO BE EFFECTIVE ONLY AS LONG AS A CONCURRENT PERMIT BY THE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION IS IN EFFECT FOR THE SAME OPERATING AREA.'

"Subsequent to the Commission meeting and prior to the execution of the permits authorized, objections were filed by organizations in Orange County and by others against the conduct of geophysical exploration operations off the coast of Orange County south of the northerly city limits of the City of Newport Beach.

"Consultation with the applicant, Standard Oil Company of California, resulted in assurance on its part that no such operations would be conducted off the coast of Orange County easterly of the mouth of the Santa Ana River."

Mr. Kirkwood emphasized that, as indicated in the staff's report, the protests from Orange County were not received until after the last meeting of the Commission. Mr. Nortig pointed out that Orange County was not represented at the time of the initial hearing on this application and that, although the officials were notified of such meeting, this notification had not been acknowledged.

Mr. Home informed the Commission that the Standard Oil Company was thoroughly in agreement with the requirement that it shall not operate in the restricted area, but wanted it clearly understood and on record that his company's agreement not to operate in the area did not mean that it concurred that seismographic operations should not be conducted in the future; that it is their definite opinion that seismographic work at some future time may be essential for evaluation of not only State lands but for proper evaluation of the Outer Continental Shelf lands, and also for upland development, and that he wanted the record to be clear that Standard was endeavoring to cooperate and meet the demands of the Orange County group, but did not wish it to mean that they were in full concurrence with some of the issues raised.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, IT WAS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION AT ITS MEETING ON NOVEMBER 30, 1955 (MINUTE ITEM NO. 6, PAGE 2498) IS RESCINDED AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE PERMIT, CONFORMING TO ALL OPERATING CONDITIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION, TO THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE CONDUCT OF GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION OPERATIONS ON THOSE TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION LYING SOUTH OF A LINE DRAWN DUE WEST OF POINT ARGUELLO, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, AND NORTHERLY OF THE NORTHERLY CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, FOR A 90-DAY PERIOD, COMMENCING JANUARY 3, 1956. THE PERMITTEE IS TO REIMBURSE THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION FOR ALL OF ITS INSPECTION COSTS. THE PERMIT IS TO BE EFFECTIVE ONLY AS LONG AS A CONCURRENT PERMIT BY THE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION IS IN EFFECT FOR THE SAME OPERATING AREA.

7. (GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PERMIT, ORANGE COUNTY, MONTEREY OIL COMPANY - W. O. 2237, P.R.C. 1634.1.) The following report was presented to the Commission:

"An application has been received from Monterey Oil Company on behalf of the Monterey Oil Company, Humble Oil & Refining Company and Seaboard Oil Company to conduct geological exploration from mobile marine equipment during the period July 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956. The area involved is held by the applicants under Oil and Gas Lease P.R.C. 1550.1, Orange County. Under the terms and conditions of Oil and Gas Lease P.R.C. 1550.1, wells may be drilled only from upland drill sites, piers previously existing and authorized by Chapter 303, Statutes of 1921, or filled lands. Permits for the conduct of geological surveys, including core drilling, may be authorized under Section 2100 (c), (d) and (e) of the rules and regulations. The statutory application filing fee has been paid by the applicants."

Mr. Pyles, upon being questioned by the Chairman, indicated that the recommendation made by the staff was entirely satisfactory to the Monterey Oil Company.

J. K. Bridges reported that his company had heretofore stated its position in relation to the granting of core drilling permits by the Commission (based upon information resulting therefrom being made available to the Commission), and wanted to make it clear that in accepting the current recommendation Humble was not receding from its position in this regard, but felt that its former objections were academic in this particular case. He indicated that this did not necessarily apply to other applications which Humble might make in the future.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, IT WAS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE TO MONTEREY OIL COMPANY, HUMBLE OIL & REFINING COMPANY AND SEABOARD OIL COMPANY A GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PERMIT FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 1956 TO DECEMBER 31, 1956 FOR THE CONDUCT OF GEOLOGICAL EXPLORATIONS, INCLUDING CORE DRILLING, PROSPECT HOLES, ELECTRIC LOGGING, SIDE-WALL SAMPLING AND OTHER OPERATIONS (BUT EXCLUDING GEOPHYSICAL OPERATIONS) IN ORDER TO GAIN GEOLOGICAL INFORMATION INVOLVING DEPTHS IN EXCESS OF 500 FEET BELOW THE SURFACE OF THE OCEAN FLOOR IN TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS SITUATED IN ORANGE COUNTY, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: